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**PATENT**

**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: KCX-703 (19021)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Garry Woltman, et al.)	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.: 10/727,892 )	Art Unit:	Unknown
Filed: December 4, 2003 )	Confirmation No.:	Unknown
Title: Absorbent Article With )	Deposit Acct. No.:	04-1403
Segmented and Separated )		
Absorbent Structure )		

**AFFIDAVIT OF STEVEN R. LEBLANC**  
**IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION UNDER 37 CFR SECTION 1.47**


I, Steven R. LeBlanc, swear and state as follows:

1. I am currently a Patent Attorney with the Law Firm of Dority & Manning, P.A. My Registration Number is 47,740. I prepared and filed the above-captioned application.
2. It is believed that Barbara O. Sauer has displayed conduct which constitutes a refusal to sign the Assignment and Declaration and Power of Attorney papers for the patent application entitled "Absorbent Article With Segmented And Separated Absorbent Structure" having an Official Serial Number 10/727,892.
3. Ms. Sauer is a former employee of Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. Kimberly-Clark personnel have had several unsuccessful conversations with Barbara O. Sauer and her spouse in an attempt to obtain her signature on declaration and assignment documents.

4. A further attempt was made to contact Barbara O. Sauer by mailing the following to her present address: a cover letter explaining Ms. Sauer's duties; a copy of the patent application entitled "Absorbent Article with Segmented and Separated Absorbent Structure"; a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; a copy of the Assignment - Joint Inventors to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc.; and a copy of the Confidential Information and Business Ideas, Inventions and Developments Agreement signed by Ms Sauer, formerly Barbara Oakley. Ms. Sauer refused delivery of this material.
5. Appendix A includes the cover letter dated January 23, 2004, a copy of the Confidential Information and Business Ideas, Inventions and Developments Agreement, and a copy of the envelope containing the documents previously described that was refused delivery.
6. It is respectfully submitted that a bona fide attempt has been made to present a declaration and assignment to Ms. Sauer and that she is refusing to sign.

Should any questions arise with respect to this petition, the undersigned can be reached at 864-271-1592.

Respectfully Submitted,



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